HAYDEN'S FERRY CHAPTER of THE QUESTERS, an international antique study organization, offers the 11th annual Antique Seminar presenting Lectures on: Reading your Artifacts, Mexican Religious Art, American Silver, Ruby Stained (Flash) & Souvenir Glass, European Christmas Ornaments, Jewelry. Proceeds will benefit the Petersen House Museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

TIME: Classes are held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm **DATE:** Tuesdays, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

PROGRAM & PRESENTERS:

February 6th Reading your Artifacts" presented by Jay Mark

February 13th PART I: "Mexican Religious Art: Retablos, Santos, Cristos, &

Mexican Masks" presented by Robert Olney

PART II: "Ruby Stained (Flash) & Souvenir Glass" presented by

Jack Gregory

February 20th PART I: "American Silver" presented by Nyla Kacer

PART II: "European Christmas Ornaments" presented by Judy

Lee Aguiar

February 27th "Appraising Session for Jewelry" presented by **Susan Murphy**

WHERE: Pyle Adult Center at Tempe Community Complex

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Registration Fee: Advance registration fee is \$40.00 for the series and \$15.00 for an individual class. Registration at the door is \$45.00 for the series. *Registration* begins at 6:30 pm prior to every class. *Advance registration* may be arranged by calling the Museum.

Jay Mark has owned and operated "THOSE WERE THE DAYS!" a books and antiques business in downtown Tempe since 1973. He frequently lectures and has taught a continuing education class about Antiques & Collecting in the Maricopa County Community College District since 1984. Jay has written antique columns for The Arizona Republic, the Antiques Register and produced seven antiques related books for Dover Publications. He is currently working on two major book projects.

Robert Olney earned his masters degree in fine arts from ASU in 1996 and has taught Mexican art history at Phoenix College and Paradise Valley Community College. His thesis was titled, "An Analysis of the Murals and Figural Arrangements of San Xavier del Bac Mission." In the 1980s Robert and his family were fortunate to have built and lived in an authentic Mexican colonial style house designed by Tomás Cajíga, a prominent

architect from Mexico City. The rustic house (built in Scottsdale) called for antique paintings and sculptures for its interior and so began the Olneys' collection of Mexican colonial art. Since the best art was to be found in Mexico City, that's where the Olneys searched. They made several trips and brought back retablos, santos and ceremonial masks for their home. The stories of how they acquired their artworks were sometimes as interesting as the artifacts themselves. Robert Olney will talk about collecting Mexican art and will have several pieces of art on hand for you to view.

Jack Gregory taught at ASU in the Native American Department. He served as Director of Native American program for the Phoenix Union High School. Prior to this, he was a Professor at the University of Arkansas. Now Jack teaches antique classes at Glendale Community College. He has been collecting all his life, and is a dealer here in Phoenix.

Nyla Kacer following in her mother's footsteps, she started in the antique business in 1973, dealing in a variety of items but dealing heavily in silver-plated flatware until 1978 when she specialized only in sterling silver. Since that time, she has been studying, buying and selling sterling silver. She has traveled the United States, Mexico, England, New Zealand, and Australia in the pursuit of silver, learning more all the time. She is hoping to share some of what she has learned with those interested.

Judy Aguiar is the owner of the enchanting European Christmas Market in Scottsdale. She will share with us the various Christmas traditions surrounding the ornaments, advent decorations, and various holidays celebrated at Christmas in Europe.

Susan Murphy is a well respected professional appraiser. She has conducted several talks in the past for our seminars. This year she plans to teach us about jewelry. The real treat of this session is when she invites you to show your jewelry as she shares her informal appraisal of your piece. So remember to bring your special jewelry piece with you.